

PATENT

Docket No.: NL020026US  
Customer No. 000024737

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
JAVIER FRANCISCO APREA ET AL. § Confirmation No. 7432  
Serial No.: 10/501,426 § Group Art Unit: 2626  
Filed: July 13, 2004 § Examiner: Leonard Saint Cry  
For: AUDIO CODING §

**Reply under 37 CFR 1.116**  
**- Expedited Procedure -**  
**Technology Center 2626**

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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 25, 2009, the following is being submitted for placing the above-identified application in *prima facie* condition for allowance. Accordingly, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.